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SUBJECT: USE OF DIPLOMATIC POUCH FOR SHIPMENT OF NOBEL PRIZE DIPLOMA

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO ASST. LEGAL ADVISER MALMBORG'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER 11 RE DAMAGED NOBEL DIPLOMA OF PROFESSOR WASSILY LEONTIEF. THE EMBASSY APPRECIATES THE FORCE OF THE POSITION SET FORTH IN THIS LETTER AND HAS TAKEN STEPS TO INSURE THAT NO EMBASSY OFFICER REPEATS THE ACTION TAKEN IN MARCH 1973 IN ACCEPTING A NOBEL PRIZE DIPLOMA FOR TRANSMISSION BY DIPLOMATIC POUCH.

2. WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO ADVISE THE NOBEL FOUNDATION THROUGH ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR (STIG RAME) THAT THE EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO REIMBURSE THE FOUNDATION FOR LEONTIEF'S REPLACEMENT DIPLOMA. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADVISE AS TO WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT'S FILES CONTAIN A RECORD OF REIMBURSEMENT TO THE NOBEL FOUNDATION FOR A DIPLOMA LOST OR DAMAGED AFTER TRANSMISSION VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH OCCURRING DURING THE PERIOD 1960 TO 1963. WE HAVE AN INFORMAL REPORT THAT SUCH REIMBURSEMENT WAS ARRANGED FOR AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE ENDERS DURING HIS SERVICE IN STOCKHOLM AS JUNIOR OFFICER, AND THAT THE NOBEL FOUNDATION INTENDS TO CITE AS PRECEDENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

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